

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 117 - SB 753

March 25, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Removes certain application, filing, and testing requirements for applicants to the Board of Dentistry (Board) for specialty certifications. Removes a current exemption for certain dental schools currently authorized to grant specialty certifications not listed in Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-5-112.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004405): Deletes language in the original bill effectively leaving the current exemption authorizing certain dental schools to grant specialty certifications not listed in Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-5-112.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-5-113 (b)(3), an applicant may be required to pay a fee for each examination for specialty licensure. This legislation removes the authority of the Board to levy this examination fee.
- Based on information provided by the Board, this examination fee is not currently assessed against applicants for specialty certification.
- This legislation will not affect any current revenue stream of the Board for initial and renewal applications.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-sufficient over any two-year period. The Board of Dentistry had an annual surplus of \$825,962 in FY12-13, an annual surplus of \$220,760 in FY13-14, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$3,717,680 on June 30, 2014.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "S".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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